I am pleased to submit the following requests for the Water Resources Development Act of 2010 (WRDA). This legislation is a mix of provisions regarding our nation's water resources, affecting such areas as navigation, environmental protection and restoration, environmental infrastructure, natural disaster mitigation (such as floods and hurricanes), shoreline protection, water supply, and recreation. Most importantly, this legislation authorizes the use of federal funds for essential projects in and around local communities, benefitting all Americans who rely on clean drinking water and access to nearby water resources such as lakes, rivers, and oceans.

The dollar amounts requested below are what are known as "authorizations." That is, these requests are not immediate expenditures but rather "authorize," or allow, the Federal government to spend a specified amount on a given project or program. The United States Constitution empowers Congress alone with the authority to direct federal spending. The designation of specific projects by Members of Congress provides an essential opportunity to ensure that federal spending reflects the specific needs of their constituents. The projects listed below are worthy, necessary, and valuable efforts which will broadly benefit the millions of people who live in South Florida. From Everglades restoration to water treatment plants to crucial infrastructure repairs, these projects will enhance South Florida's quality of life, ensure clean drinking water for future generations, provide a much-needed economic boost to our region, and enable greater access to important navigation, recreation, and other water resources.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to help my constituents and I will continue to work hard in the next few months to ensure that this legislative process yields significant gains for South Florida.

Please click on the following link for a PDF of the project requests that I submitted for the Water Resources Development Act of 2010:

<u>Congressman Alcee L. Hastings - Water Resources Development Act 2010 Project Requests.pdf</u>